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(54) Title: DRESSINGS (57) Abstract A wound dressing is provided comprising a backing layer, an apertured wound facing layer and an intermediate absorbent layer comprising fibres of material which upon contact with moisture will form a gel. The intermediate layer is also comprised of a non-gel forming component, e.g. another fibrous material which can support the formed gels. The backing layer is also characterised in that its water transmission rate is greater than its moisture vapour transmission rate.		

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